

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria. Virginia 22313-1450 www.usplo.gov

CONFIRMATION NO. APPLICATION NO. FIRST NAMED INVENTOR ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. FILING DATE 04/12/2001 09/834,696 Jerrold L. King MICR135.02 4676 7590 07/13/2004 **EXAMINER** Ormiston & McKinney, PLLC MITCHELL, JAMES M P.O. Box 298 802 ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER W. Bannock, Suite 400 Boise, ID 83701-0298 2827

DATE MAILED: 07/13/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Offic Action Summary	09/834,696	KING ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	James M. Mitchell	2827
Th MAILING DATE of this communication app		
Period f r Reply		
A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION. - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely. - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).		
Status		
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2004.		
	action is non-final.	
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is		
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.		
Disposition of Claims		
4) Claim(s) 19,23 and 24 is/are pending in the application.		
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.		
5)⊠ Claim(s) <u>23 and 24</u> is/are allowed.		
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>19</u> is/are rejected.		
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.		
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.		
Application Papers		
9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.		
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.		
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).		
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).		
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.		
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119		
 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 		
Attachment(s)		
1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	4) Interview Summary Paper No(s)/Mail Da	
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date		atent Application (PTO-152)

Application/Control Number: 09/834,696

Art Unit: 2827

DETAILED ACTION

Due to a failure by examiner to correctly address a limitation in the obviousness type rejection of claim 23 and 24, applicant has withdrawn its finality and prosecution is now reopened. As such, the denial of applicant's after final amendment is withdrawn and is entered and examined on the record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nitta (JP357018348)

Nitta (Fig 1) discloses a semiconductor chip package comprising a chip (3) having a first surface (top portion) and second surface (i.e. side portion of chip) perpendicular to and intersecting the first surface, conductive leads (2) electrically connected to and extending along the surface of the chip, a continuous body of insulating encapsulating material (6) covering at least a portion of the chip and fully encapsulating the conductive leads and electrodes (5) each having a first portion disposed in the encapsulating material and contacting a conductive lead and a second portion protruding from the encapsulating material, the body of the encapsulating material fully encapsulating the conductive leads except for the point of contact with the

electrodes where the encapsulating material is displaced to allow the electrode to contact the lead.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 23 and 24 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art does not disclose or make obvious a chip having a first and second surface perpendicular with leads extending along the first surface of the chip to at least the intersection of the first and second surfaces, a continuous body of encapsulating material substantially encapsulating the chip, leads and solder balls, wherein the solder balls have a first portion disposed in the encapsulating material and contacting a said lead and a second portion protruding from the encapsulating material including all the limitations of the independent claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to issue 1 in its appeal brief is moot since applicant's amendment eliminates the phrase "extending over," which was the point of contention. As for issue 2, a chip or die in its IC fabrication inherently has insulating layers over the surface of the chip that protect that active areas of the chip, furthermore the metallization leading to bond pad provides holes through that insulating material to contact to the pad. Nevertheless examiner agrees with applicant that claim 24 is allowable for the reasons cited above.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James M. Mitchell whose telephone number is (571) 272-1931. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:30-8:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on (571) 272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Application/Control Number: 09/834,696 Page 5

Art Unit: 2827

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

omm July 9, 2004

SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800